(b) the reasons for their appointment?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI VISHWANATH PARTAP SINGH): (a) and (b) No corruption charges are pending against any of the officers appointed as Secretaries since December, 1989.

Family Pension cases pending in CDA(P), Allahabad

3112. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of family pension cases are pending in CDA(P). Allahabad;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for their pendency; and

(c) what steps have been taken/are being taken by Government to finalise these cases expeditiously?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) and (b) As on 31-7-90 14 family pension cases in respect of Commissioned Officers, 1558 cases in respect of personnel below officer rank and 331 cases in respect of civilans were pending in the Office of the Chief Controller of Defence Accounts (Pensions), Allahabad. The main reasons for pendency are delay in submission of application forms by the family, disputed claims, incomplete or defective documentation and transit delays.

(c) Steps taken/being taken to finalise these cases expeditiously include fixing of time limits for processing of cases reminding families to submit the forms promptly, timely scrutiny of documentation, joint notification of family pension and improved liaison between various concerned offices. To provide immediate relief to the families of personnel below officer rank pending grant of family pension, they are sanctioned a Pending Enquiry Award.

Projects of Bihar pending clearance

3113. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of projects submitted by the Bihar Government to the Central Government that are pending clearance; and

(b) by when they will be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN): (a) and (b) At present no project of Bihar is pending in the Planning Commission for investment clearance. Proposals for the setting up of two solar thermal power stations and three thermal power stations have been received in Central Electricity Authority for techno-economic clearance. A number of factors such as water availability, adequate power evacuation facilities etc. need to be firmed up before these proposals can be considered for tchnoconomic clearance.

There are 25 new major irrigation/multi-purpose and 33 new medium irrigation schemes received from the Government of Bihar which are under process of techno-economic appraisal in the Central Water Commission.

24 flood management and drainage schemes submitted by the Government of Bihar to Ganga Flood Control Commission are pending clearance. Out of these comments on 23 schemes have been sent to State Government for necessary compliance which are awaited for further action. The 24th scheme i.e Kursela-Dumaria embankment scheme was referred to Planning Commission but certain clarification has been sought from the State Government for this scheme also.